

## Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Alexander Melville Bell, Eliza Symonds Bell, Carrie Bell, 1871, with transcript

Copy of a letter written by Alexander Graham Bell to his parents and Carrie. Northampton, Mass., Tuesday night, (1871?) Dear Papa, Mama and Carrie:

We arrived safely here this evening at a quarter to five o'clock. Had to wait 3 hours at Albany in consequence of our missing the proper train. There seems to have been some delay on the line. I awoke in the middle of the night and found the train at a stand-still. We remained still for 1½ hours — the consequence was that when we got to Albany our connection-train had gone. Tried to take a walk at Albany — but the cold so intense had to turn back. I never experienced any cold so intense as that this morning.

We took the 10 o'clock train from Albany — but it was a little late — so that when we got to Springfield at 1:15 our connection-train to Northampton had gone. So we had to wait at Springfield till 4 o'clock.

However “all's well that ends well” — and here we are safe and sound at last. I just scribble this note.

In haste.

Yours affectionately, A. Graham Bell. P. S. I find that this note will not leave Northampton till 4 p. m. tomorrow. AGB.